

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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 : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
 Application No.: Not Yet Assigned - Based )  
 on JPA 054232/2001, and :  
 JPA 054233/2001, both filed )  
 February 28, 2001 :  
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 Filed: Herewith :  
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 For: REPLENISHING :  
 DEVELOPER AND )  
 DEVELOPING METHOD : February 22, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 26 and ending on page 13, line 5 with the following paragraph. A marked-up version of the original paragraph showing the changes thereto is attached.

--The carrier may preferably have a residual magnetization ( $\sigma_r$ ) of 0.1 - 20 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg, more preferably 2.9 - 6.9 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg. Above 20 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg, the carrier is caused to

have a lower flowability due to magnetic agglomeration, thus causing inferior mixability with the toner and being liable to cause image defects, such a fog.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 as follows. A marked-up version showing the changes made thereto is attached.

9. (Amended) A replenishing developer according to claim 8, wherein the carrier has a residual magnetization ( $\sigma_r$ ) of 2.9 to 6.9 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is to correct typographical errors in the specification and claim 9. Both the errors and the corrections are clear.

Consideration of the claims and early passage to issue of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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## APPENDIX

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### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning on page 12, line 26 and ending on page 13, line 5 has been amended as follows:

The carrier may preferably have a residual magnetization ( $\sigma_r$ ) of 0.1 - 20 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg, more preferably [2.9 - 69 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg] 2.9 - 6.9 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg. Above 20 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg, the carrier is caused to have a lower flowability due to magnetic agglomeration, thus causing inferior mixability with the toner and being liable to cause image defects, such fog.

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A replenishing developer according to claim 8, wherein the carrier has a residual magnetization ( $\sigma_r$ ) of [0.1 - 20 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg] 2.9 to 6.9 Am<sup>2</sup>/kg.